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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1109, FIRST Y-CLASS DEPLOYMENT-PACIFIC FLEET
STRELOK STRAIT SUBMARINE BASE
PAVLOVSKOGO BAY, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF A Y CLASS
NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE
(SSBN) AT AN OPERATIONAL SUBMARINE BASE IN
THE PACIFIC.

2. LOCATION:

STRELOK STRAIT IS LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTHERN
LIMIT OF THE PACIFIC COAST OF THE USSR. THE
BASE IS 9 NM EAST OF DUNAY AND 30 NM SOUTH-
EAST OF VLADIVOSTOK AT 42-52-01N 132-31-41E.

3. REMARKS:

THIS UNIT OF THE Y CLASS IS APPARENTLY THE
SUBMARINE THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED AT KOMSOMOLSK
SHIPYARD AMUR 199 WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN MID-
SUMMER 1969. IT WAS DELIVERED TO PETROVKA
NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, THE FINAL FITTING-
OUT YARD FOR SUBMARINES CONSTRUCTED AT
KOMSOMOLSK, IN LATE SUMMER 1969.

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SS-N-6 MISSILE TEST FIRINGS WERE CONDUCTED EAST OF VLADIVOSTOK IN NOVEMBER. THE SS-N-6 IS BELIEVED TO BE THE MISSILE CARRIED ON THE Y-CLASS SSBN. ASSOCIATED MISSILE EQUIPMENT WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN THE PACIFIC FLEET AREA AT DUNAY NAVAL MISSILE STORAGE FACILITY IN MARCH 1969. THE DUNAY FACILITY, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 9 NM WEST OF STRELOK STRAIT, PROVIDES MISSILE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR OPERATIONAL SUBMARINES.

A Y SSBN WAS OBSERVED [REDACTED] AT PETROVKA SHIPYARD. PETROVKA SHIPYARD WAS COVERED ON THE CURRENT MISSION; HOWEVER, POOR INTERPRETABILITY PRECLUDED A DETERMINATION AS TO THE PRESENCE OF A Y SSBN. THE COVERAGE OF BOTH PETROVKA AND THE STRELOK STRAIT AREA WAS OBTAINED ON THE SAME PASS [REDACTED]

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STRELOK STRAIT SUBMARINE BASE PAVLOVSKOGO BAY IS A MAJOR OPERATIONAL BASE SUPPORTING NUCLEAR

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POWERED, MISSILE-CARRYING SUBMARINES. E-CLASS SUBMARINES AND SUPPORTING AUXILIARIES ARE THE PRIMARY ORDER OF BATTLE FREQUENTING THIS BASE. HOWEVER, AN H-CLASS SSBN WAS OBSERVED THERE IN MARCH 1965 AND A POSSIBLE H SSBN WAS OBSERVED IN MARCH 1968.

4. FIRST OBSERVATION: CURRENT MISSION, KH 1109.
5. MISSION READOUT: A Y-CLASS SSBN IS OBSERVED AT THE CENTER PIER AT STRELOK STRAIT SUBMARINE BASE PAVLOVSKOGO BAY. THIS MARKS THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF A Y-CLASS SSBN AT AN OPERATIONAL SUBMARINE BASE IN THE PACIFIC FLEET.

NVL: 1 Y SSBN
6 PROBABLE E SSGN
3 AUXILIARIES
5 UNIDENTIFIED SMALL VESSELS

ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 60X

IEG/WGD

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